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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER GANDHI ON NUCLEAR RELATIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES AND CANADA

1. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI WAS ASKED ON AUGUST 11 IN THE INDIAN LOWER HOUSE (LOK SABHA) WHETHER THERE WAS AN ABNORMAL DELAY IN THE SUPPLY OF URANIUM FUEL FOR THE TARAPR ATOMIC POWER STATION, AND IF SO, WHAT EFFECT THAT DELAY HAD ON TARAPUR OPERATIONS. SHE REPLIED: QUOTE: OUR APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE FOR EXPORT OF ENRICHED URANIUMS HAS BEEN DELAYED AS A RESULT OF PETITIONS FILED WITH THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WHICH IS THE STATUTORY LICENSING BODY INDEPENDENT OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE US AUTHORITIES AND INDIA'S VIEWS ARE BEING PRESENTED BEFORE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BY THE US STATE DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT OF THESE EFFORTS, APPROXIMATELY HALF THE QUANTITY OF ENRICHED URANIUM FOR WHICH LICENSE HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR WAS CLEARED FOR EXPORT AND THE SAME HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED IN INDIA ON JULY 23, 1976.

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THERE IS CONSEQUENTLY, NO IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTY IN THIS REGARD.

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2. RESPONDING TO A SECOND QUERY THE SAME DATE REGARDING
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR
RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR AID, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS
HAD NOT REACHED A POINT OF SETTLEMENT. SHE ADDED:
QUOTE: INDIA IS NOT DEPENDING TO ANY SUBSTANTIAL EXTENT ON
FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR THE IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE
EXECUTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PROJECTS. ALL ITEMS OF
EQUIPMENT OF A SENSITIVE NATURE REQUIRED FOR THE POWER
PROJECTS ARE EITHER ALREADY MANUFACTURED OR ARE IN THE PROCESS
OF BEING MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE COUNTRY.
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